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Karl Waldbrunner, former Austrian Minister in Moscow, stated that the Cominform meeting at Prague was scheduled to begin on 30 July. He said that the purpose of the meeting is to select two Cominform countries, probably Czechoslovakia and Hungary, to participate in ERP. The aim will be to help these countries economically without enabling them to cooperate politically with the present ERP countries. The Austrian representative at the meeting is the Austrian Communist Party leader Erwin Zucker-Schilling. Austrian Communist leaders Johann Koplenig and Friedl Fürnberg are not in Austria at present, but their whereabouts are unknown.

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